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SUBJECT: GDR PRESS ON TRAVEL CONTROLS

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1. SUMMARY: ADN EDITORIAL JULY 14 TOOK DEFENSIVE POSTURE ON VISIT RESTRICTION DURING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, CLAIMING THAT 156,000 APPLICATIONS FOR WEST BERLINERS HAD BEEN APPROVED DURING THIS PERIOD. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF ALLEGED FIGURE WERE FOR VISITS TO EAST BERLIN, AS OPPOSED TO GDR, BUT AT LEAST SOME PERSONS WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATIONS HAVE CONFIRMED WITH GDR TRAVEL OFFICE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD. KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1500, 16 JULY. IF OUTCOME UNSATISFACTORY, SENAT HAS ASKED APPROVAL FOR HERZ-FLORIN LETTER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALLIED INTERVENTION IF NECESSARY. END SUMMARY.

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2. EAST GERMAN PRESS BROKE SILENCE JULY 14 ON QUESTION OF GDR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS DURING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL WITH LENGTHY ADN EDITORIAL CHARGING "CERTAIN WEST BERLINERS" WERE REVERTING TO COLD-WAR TACTICS IN EFFORT TO MISREPRESENT EAST GERMAN POSITIONS ON BORDER ISSUES. WITH REFERENCE TO "ALLEGED REFUSAL" OF 200 WEST BERLIN APPLICATIONS TO VISIT EAST BERLIN DURING PERIOD YOUTH FESTIVAL, JULY 28 - AUGUST 5, ADN CONTENDED THAT AS 156,000 APPLICATIONS FOR WEST BERLINERS FOR SAME PERIOD HAVE BEEN APPROVED, SENAT'S "FEIGNED OUTRAGE" OVER TEMPORARY "BORDER RESTRICTIONS" RANG HOLLOW.

2. ADN ADDED THAT DESPITE CONTINUED PROVOCATIONS SUCH AS RECENT WALL INCIDENT IN FRENCH SECTOR (REF B) AND INCREASED MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTE FOR COMMERCIALY MOTIVATED EXFILTRATION, GDR CONTINUES TO BE MOST GENEROUS IN IMPLEMENTING TRAVEL AND VISIT PROVISIONS OF QA. AT SAME TIME, EDITORIAL MADE VEILED THREAT THAT GDR BORDER CONTROL AUTHORITIES MAY IN FUTURE BE INCLINED TO HOLD MORE STRICTLY TO LETTER RATHER THAN SPIRIT OF CROSSING PROCEDURES IF PROVOCATIONS CONTINUE.

3. SENAT HAD INFORMED US THAT SINCE 16 JULY, TRAVEL BUREAUS HAVE ACCEPTED NO MORE APPLICATIONS FOR VISITS TO EAST BERLIN, POTSDAM OR FRANKFURT/O DURING PERIOD JULY 28 - AUGUST 5 ON GROUNDS AREAS CONCERNED "ARE OVERBOOKED" OR THAT "THE QUOTA IS EXHAUSTED." HARDSHIP CASES STILL BEING PROCESSED AND SENAT HAS CONFIRMED THAT NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOSE APPLICATIONS FOR VISITS TO EAST BERLIN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HAVE BEEN TOLD BY GDR TRAVEL OFFICES ON RECENT INQUIRY THEY THEY WILL STILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL. ACCORDINGLY, GDR WOULD SEEM TO BE AVOIDING ACCUSATION THAT IT HAS CLOSED BORDER. EXACT FIGURES, HOWEVER, ARE HARD TO COME BY, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF 156,000 APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO BY ADN WERE FOR EAST BERLIN.

4. HEAD OF CHANCELLERY HERZ HAS REQUESTED URGENT CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES ON NEXT STEPS. KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING IS SET FOR 1500, JULY 16. IF OUTCOME IS UN-CONFIDENTIAL

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SATISFACTORY, HERZ PROPOSES LETTER FROM HIM TO FLORIN, WITH NEXT STAGE SOME SORT OF INTERVENTION BY ALLIES.

5. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION RE LATTER STOP UNTIL OUTCOME OF KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING IS KNOWN AND HAVE INFORMED HERZ ACCORDINGLY.BORG

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